Agreement with Nepal

303. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed with the Prime Minister of Nepal during his recent visit to New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the overall financial implications for India including commitments for the current financial year;

(c) whether any conditionalities are proposed to be imposed while agreeing to provide financial aid in view of the continuing militant and terrorist activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No agreement was signed with the Prime Minister of Nepal during his recent visit to India.

(b) However, in a Joint Press Statement issued at the conclusion of the visit, Government of India, *inter alia*, expressed its willingness to extend immediately a one-time grant of Rs. 100 crores to the budget of Government of Nepal; offered a soft credit line of US $100 million for the execution of infrastructure development projects; enhanced its 'Aid to Nepal' budget for the current financial year from 65 crore to Rs. 150 crore; and waived the dues outstanding as on June 9, 2006 owed by the Government of Nepal to the Government of India on account of defence purchases.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Bollywood show in Karachi

304. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scheduled Bollywood show in Karachi, Pakistan for raising fund for the October, 2005 earthquake victims was cancelled due to visa denial especially to a renowned poet script-writer;

(b) if so, whether any efforts have been made to sort out the problem; and